rivers to save flood water, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Out of the 4000 billion cubic metre of precipitation (snow and rainfall) received by the country, about 460 billion cubic metre are being used for irrigation purposes at present.

(b) 160 Major and 288 Medium irrigation projects envisaging utilisation of surface waters are currently under implementation spilling over from the 7th Plan.

(c) For transfer of waters to water-deficit areas, Government have prepared National Perspectives which comprises of two components viz. Himalayan River Development Component and Peninsular River Development Component. National Water Development Agency is engaged in carrying out detailed studies on interlinking of major rivers in each component. Already studies on 7 water transfer links out of the 17 water transfer links in the Peninsular River development Component have been completed. Studies on Himalayan component have been taken up recently.

Local Train from Dombivali to Bombay

461. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people of Dombivali, District Thane, Maharashtra State (Central Railways) have demanded a local train from Dombivali to Bombay; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This was examined but not found feasible

Construction of Railway Line connecting Kirendul and Bhadrachalam with Kovvyur

462. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RALWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to construct a new railway line connecting Kirendul and Bhadrachalam with Kovvyur to ensure smoother movement of iron ore; and

(b) if so, by when the construction of the line would commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE *MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI* MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of Coastal Railway line connecting Tirur with Edapally via Guruvayur

463. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal under Government's consideration to construct a coastal railway line connecting Tirur with Edapally via Guruvayur; and

(b) if so, by when the construction is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Employment of Children in Hazardous Industries

464. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that children in the age group of 4—15 years work in the hazardous industries of the country.

(b) if so, their number, industry-wise;

(c) the details of the legislations passed to check and regulate employment of child labour in such industries;